

GLANCE AT FASHIONS IN CAPITAL

Margaret Wade Tells of the Well-gowned Women of Smart Society, What She Wears and When.

By MARGARET WADE.

American fashions for American women, with the patriotic phrase duly capitalized, sounds well in certain social circles, but it is not taken seriously in fashionable centers if one may judge by the marked ascendancy of the French fashions as accepted by Washington's smartest women. While all home-coming travelers, whether from the European capitals or only from our Northern summer resorts, are, as a rule, wearing gowns in which they left Washington three or six months ago, their respective wardrobes are, nevertheless, fully replenished in latest modes. Only the occasion is lacking for a display of gowns and millinery that will equal in style, variety, and elegance, any exhibition of good dressing Washington's "Vanity Fair" has ever presented.

The White House wedding on November 21 will, of course, open the social season. Even before that there will, however, be numerous smart, informal companies showing just how the French couturiers have regained their threatened prestige in every detail of feminine attire. Even this early in the year certain fixed facts in the fashion firmament are recognized by all women interested, even in the smallest degree, in their general appearance. For instance, skirts remain narrow, but are never plain. Drapery is about the hips, rather than about the knees.

All smart gowns, other than the regulation evening dress, open in front or at the side. The straight high collar, even with the transparent gump, has disappeared as completely as the elbow sleeve. The all black hat continues prime favorite in millinery. The tailor suits for the morning hour are less severe than in several years, while the afternoon gowns are, as a rule, in one piece models of new material and color. Every gown and every hat is made for an occasion. The fallacy of buying either hat or gown, which can be worn with anything, or can be worn at any time, that has contributed to more bad dressing among people of means and supposed taste than anything else, is at last recognized as a fallacy by nine-tenths of the unexpecting women who formerly yielded to this suggestion of milliner or tailor.

Mrs. Breckinridge Bayne, who is taking possession of her handsome new home in R Street, made a shopping tour on Tuesday in dark green cloth suit, showing the latest art in feminized tailoring. The skirt, narrow at the hem and totally untrimmed, was draped high on the hips; a suggestion of a ripple appeared below the skirt of the fascinating top garment that may be called jacket or blouse, according to fancy. Serving every purpose of the tailored jacket, this little garment, nevertheless, is made in the form of a Russian blouse without the fullness of that distinctive mode. It is long enough to cover the hips and is blouse-fitting, with the normal waist line marked by a small circle of plaid silk in general color, green, gray, black, and white. The same silk, presumably, forms straight cuffs on the long, plain sleeves, which end slightly above the wrist, to be lengthened by two-inch elastic bands, or by buttons, or by ribbons. The sleeves of today are slightly shorter than the long sleeve of the spring, as shown by the numerous other smart dresses as well as young Mrs. Bayne's. The latter had her jacket or blouse, which almost to the waist line, showing an untrimmed, unpleated, or, at least, collarless, as we are used all the new bodies are to be, with the same depth of fall appearing on the sleeve.

Mrs. Bayne's hat was just as smart as her gown; a round black velvet with soft crown gathered into a narrow stiff band, the latter covered by a band of fur. Her boots were patent leather, French from toe to heel, and her gloves heavy white kid. The shortening of the coat sleeve is bringing in a new glove which is an inch or two longer than the familiar walking glove, and close wristed.

Mrs. Nathaniel Francis, who is settling in her attractive new apartment at the Conyngham for the season, looked particularly well in F Street the last week in a blue serge suit with half length, severely plain jacket, and very smart black velvet hat. Little more could be said of Mrs. Francis, who is in mourning for her late husband, who died of pneumonia. Her skirt appeared to be two pieces, with the seams directly in front and back. The jacket had its slight fullness at the waist held by a half belt and closed in front with the new, large, self-colored button, a feature that promises to enjoy great popularity.

Mrs. Francis' hat was as conventional as her gown and extremely smart. This was a low crown, black velvet, with an inch and a half rim, showing its greatest depth front and back. The base of the crown was covered by a wide velvet band, small in form and brilliant in tone, a real turreted wreath, held toward the back by two black satin bow slanting from the back.

One of the attractive young women in F Street these days is Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the Speaker, who has just returned from Europe with a growing-up winter wardrobe, which she will make her formal debut in December. Miss Clark's street suit in the last week showed every mark of foreign make. The color is pronouncedly green, a shade lighter than the green which is one of the variations of the two shade shades, making a new color. Both coat and skirt follow a curves model, adapted to youthful figure. The coat is a longer in the back than in front, and cut in a sharp square line across the bottom. Here appeared the large, new, flat collar covered in material of the suit. With this in view, a soft, open, empire-tailored hat, much the same shade as the gown, a round shape distinctly of Bond Street, where the London round hat is found at its best.

A very smart note in this altogether smart costume was the scarf worn by the Speaker's daughter. This was distinctly a confection, also a composite, as chiffon, fur, and satin, all in the natural mole color, are employed in making this accessory as soft as a tulle ruche and as warm as an old-fashioned boa of fur or feathers. This fascinating neckpiece hung to the waist on one side, after the fashion of the front. The collar, which has arrived, beyond any question, is the reason of the variety and attractive assortment of ruffles and scarfs that will play an important part in all well-selected wardrobes.

Duveltyne is one of the several new fashions the French have given us to replace our American broadcloths and serges; for American broadcloth, even if sold under a more ambitious name, has been by no means uncommon in many American wardrobes. This duveltyne, offered only in the newest colors, is the material which Mrs. John Leggett Pultz is wearing in one of the very advanced autumn costumes. This is a severely tailored suit, with a tendency to follow in the coat, which is belted somewhat between the Russian blouse and the Norfolk jacket fashion, and a narrow, well-hung skirt. The color, like the material, is brand-new. An invisible gray, or, at least, so dark as to be almost black, is the most desirable possible to this distinctive suit. Large metal buttons matching the cloth are, with the exception of a Japanese collar

Mrs. Thomas H. Dunn. The charming wife of the new member of Congress from Rochester, N. Y. Representative and Mrs. Dunn will take a leading part in social affairs this winter. They have leased the residence in the Avenue of the Presidents occupied by the former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry.

In leopard skin, the only trimming. This collar is particularly chic and at the present time is worn well turned down, but can later in the winter rise to cover the back of its fair wearer's head if she so desires.

Young Mrs. Pultz, who is an autumn visitor to her parents, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Joseph E. McKenna, was formerly Miss Hildgard McKenna, the youngest and by no means the least handsome of the three beautiful daughters of this family, famous for its good looks as well as other pleasant things.

Miss Margery Colton, youngest daughter of the late Col. Francis Colton, who has just returned to Washington from Porto Rico, where she has been spending a part of the summer with her brother, former Governor of the Island, is one of the well-known young women taking no part in society, by reason of deep mourning, but looking particularly chic and charming in her morning walk in one of the new fabrics of the hour, which is a coat suit of velvet de laine on the smart, new lines, showing a hip-length jacket with the slight fullness in the back, the skirt of the correct mourning, which does not mean merely wearing black, there is absolutely no trimming on Miss Colton's tailored suit. It is topped by a medium sized silk hat in one of the new justerless weaves, made on a smart and becoming frame that is strongly reminiscent of the mushroom shape.

The mushroom and the sailor, although by other names, are old and familiar friends in millinery, the return of which the conservative woman is only too glad to welcome in the present season. Another smartly attired young woman is well chosen black is Miss Marguerite Barber, who is in mourning for her late husband, the late Mrs. Logan Tucker. Miss Barber is wearing a coat suit in one of the new fabrics of the hour, which is a development of silk poplin, but a very fine cord. This is made with a three-trimmed narrow skirt, and like Miss Colton's, the long jacket, which is the cut-away jacket, is however, finished by a white collar and cuffs in the mourning net. Topping this she wears one of the smartest of the autumn hats, a round, and, but for its trimming of a new velvet plume, a very severe silk hat. Its crown is well defined, a mediumly high with a narrow rim manipulated into a becoming, irregular line. A fall triple of the crown is held against the crown, while the edge of the brim is also covered by a fringe of the same rare plume.

Mrs. A. S. Barker, who made a tour of the National Museum with her husband, Rear Admiral Barker, one day last week, looked extremely smart in a black and white tailored suit that showed its present day workmanship in the clever construction of a pure white waistcoat of silk. This accessory to the smartest of many of the new toilets extended almost from the throat to an inch to three inches below the waistline. Where it followed the line of the new collar, the latter fastened low with one large button overlapping the waistcoat for six or eight inches. A white silk collar also appeared on the coat. This was one of the new collars, which is simply a line in front, but rather broad in the back, a broad collar without depth.

Topping this Mrs. Barker wore a round black velvet hat of the definitely blocked, round crown shape that is one of the new lines in millinery, with narrow rolling brim, a suggestion of the English walking hat plus the returning French tendency. Its trimming consisted of a band of piquet ribbon with mediumly high fantasy in black. Mrs. Barker's skirt showed slight drapery in its upper portion in the prevailing but not extreme silhouette.

Mrs. Christian Hemmick is also wearing a smart walking suit in white and black, which maple combination has lost none of its established popularity, despite the efforts of the colorists.

Mrs. Hemmick's gown followed a suggestion of the cascade model in black with under skirt of white. The draped effect is extremely graceful with long fast back and a chic jacket the effect of which is a white satin waistcoat. An extremely modish hat of black velvet worn well down on the head, with rolling brim in a shape that is neither large nor small, consequently recognizable as a direct importation from Paris, is trimmed with gracefully disposed Paradise plume.

Among the newest variations of familiar shades there is a noticeable contrast in day and evening materials. Green, which is enjoying universal favor, comes in velvet and divetyn and is, in the darkest shades, described as meadow green, while abstinence green, delicate as its name implies, is shown almost exclusively in tulle, chiffon, and voile, the latter produced this season in a new, delicate as cobweb with the strength of all the old-time silk. Pussy willow is

ALEXANDRIA.

Miss Lillian Louise Rixey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rixey, of Falls Church, Va., and Mr. Frederick H. White, of Washington, were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Episcopal Church, Falls Church, in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. The Rev. Dr. R. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Roberta Lee Jackson and Mr. Warren Hall was the best man. The bride wore a gown of white tulle crepe de chine, with tulle veil caught with ribbons of the valley. The maid of honor wore a gown of pink over chamois lace.

The flower girls were Misses Elizabeth and Josephine Ramage. They wore dotted Swiss over pink silk. Mrs. Rixey, mother of the bride, wore a gown of black velvet silk and point d'esprit lace. The ushers were Howard W. Smith, Frank H. Lake, J. W. Tolman, and Merle E. Mott. A reception followed the wedding at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a Northern bridal trip. Upon their return they will reside in Washington.

Miss Virginia Meade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stansius Meade, of Braddock Heights, Alexandria County, and Mr. J. H. Jenifer Harrison, formerly of Baltimore, but now of Braddock Heights, were married Saturday night at the home of the bride's parents. Following the wedding, there was a reception, after which the couple left for a Northern bridal trip.

Miss Nellie Lee Thomas, daughter of Mr. Robert T. Thomas, of Mount Ida, Alexandria County, and Mr. Henry A. Faulkner, of Norfolk, Va., were married Wednesday afternoon at Grace Episcopal Church by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector. The church was decorated with palms, ferns, and cut flowers. The bride was given in marriage by her father and a wedding march was played by Mrs. George E. Weirfield. The bride wore a light blue traveling suit and carried bride roses. Following a Southern bridal trip the couple will reside in Norfolk.

Miss Rosa Katherine Puckins and Mr. Lewis F. Cheshire, of Washington, were married Saturday evening at the rectory of Grace Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector.

Miss Dorothy Finch, daughter of Mr. George S. Finch, and Mr. Charles R. Cook were married Tuesday night at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor.

Mrs. Mary Ellis and Mr. John P. Ruddle, both of this city, were married Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage of the Second Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor.

A linen shower was given last Monday evening by Miss Alice Omderton, at her home at Braddock Heights, in honor of Miss Virginia Meade, who was married Saturday to Mr. Daniel Jenifer Harrison. Those present were Mrs. George Pryor Anderson, Mrs. Stansius Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Monroe, Miss Margaret Shelby, Miss Esther D. Burke, Miss Christina Kemper, Miss Clarence Snowden, Miss Della V. Phillips, Miss Eliza K. Douglas, Miss Mary Lindsey, Miss Mary Snowden, Miss Marian Lindsey, Miss Jane Howell, Miss D. J. Jones, Harrison, Wallace Lindsey, Beauderle Howell, William Brooke, James R. Douglas, G. Washington Lewis, Robley D. Brumback, Walter C. Foster, and Ward Howell.

Members of the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church were entertained Wednesday evening by the Rev. and Mrs. William J. Morton, at a reception at their home, 67 North Washington Street. Parlor decorations were green and white. Those assisting in receiving were Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, Mrs. Charles E. Nicol, Mrs. Frank S. Harper, Miss Katherine Stuart, Miss Helen N. Cummings presided in the dining room and was assisted by Misses Essie Hill, Clarence and Mary Snowden, Mary Nagel, Judith Boswell, Collins Jones, Carroll Leard, Sarah Cox, and Julia Nicol. During the evening more than 100 guests attended.

Miss Christina Waggoner, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Davis, in Prince Street.

Mr. D. Milton French entertained the "Kitt Kats" at her home in Cameron Street Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Burnett, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Robert Payne, Rosemont.

Miss Irene Demory, of Hazmarket, Va., is visiting in this city.

Mr. John Schofield is spending the week at the home of Mrs. James P. Hulsh, Haymarket, Va.

Mr. G. Bryan Pitts is visiting Mr. Robert Jones in Washington.

Miss Christina Purdy, of Rapidan, Va., who has been visiting Miss Ann Barley, has gone to Baltimore, where she will spend a week.

Miss Cora Duffey has returned after a visit to friends in Clarendon, Va.

Misses Lou Ashton and Rebecca Kite have returned from a visit to Miss Louise Ashton, Ballston, Va.

Mrs. S. Kleinberg and little son Arthur, accompanied by her sister, Miss Rose Weil, all of New York, are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. Weil, 14 South St. Asaph Street.

Miss Sophia F. Tackett has returned from a visit to friends in Pennsylvania.

Miss Nellie Pierpoint is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clinton Smoot, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Smoot's sister, Mrs. George R. Hill, of 17 South Washington Street.

Miss Maggie Elliott has returned to Washington after visiting Mrs. Noble Smith.

Mr. Christian Heshley, of Centuria, Wis., is visiting his nephew, Mr. P. H. Ludwig, of Braddock Heights.

Miss Louise Ashton and Mr. Albert Ashton are guests of their uncle, Mr. Ashton, of North Columbus Street.

Miss Eliza Bartels, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bartels, who spent the summer with her mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Justus Schneidman, returned from Baltimore for Germany last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton Westfield Price and daughter, little Miss Barbara Price, are spending several weeks at the Grange, near Baltimore, N. C.

Mr. Tullius C. Tupper, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert E. Barrett, Duke Street.

Mrs. A. Armistead Egghorn and Miss Margaret Egghorn are the guests of Mr. Egghorn's sister, Mrs. Thompson, Louisa Courthouse, Va.

Miss Mildred Rider, of Washington, was the guest and guest of the Misses Landry, of Braddock Heights, Va.

Mrs. Alexander Shymaker has returned from a visit to her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Larmund, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Houck, of Rosemont, are in New York, visiting their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Montrose Houck and Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Houck.

Mrs. Frank L. Shymaker had as her guests last week her sister and niece, Mrs. Samuel Westcott and Miss Katharine Westcott, of Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Gladys Shipley has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John T. Riedon, in Washington.

A large and fashionable wedding took place at noon yesterday in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, near Collins, Prince George County, when Miss Corrie Mulliken Bowls, eldest daughter of the county commissioner and Mrs. John M. Bowls, became the wife of Thomas Fielder Bowls Claggett, of this county.

The church was beautifully decorated and crowded to the doors with friends and relatives. Two of the bridesmaids officiated, the Rev. Carl E. Grammont, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. T. Carter Page, of Bedford City, Va.

The bridesmaids were Misses Suzanne Alport, of North Carolina; Ruth Dabier, of Virginia; Catherine Bryan, of O'City, Pa.; Enabel F.H., of Baltimore; Carroll and Elizabeth Wilson, of Upper Marlboro, Md.; Beade Grammar, and Martha Newton, of South Carolina. Miss Anna Brown, of La Platte, niece of the late Representative Mudd, presided at the organ.

Hal P. Claggett, of Upper Marlboro, was best man and Bowie Anderson, Charles Stanley, Jr., of Laurel; Charles Claggett, of Upper Marlboro; Joseph Picken, of Washington; J. Page Bowls, and Roger Berry were ushers.

The bride was attired in white her gown with pearl necklace. She carried

lilies of the valley, and the large veil was caught with orange blossoms.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's future home, Locust Hill, adjoining the farm of her father, near Mulliken.

The bride and bridegroom were driven in an automobile to Washington by Brooks Lee, son of State Senator Blair Lee, of Montgomery.

An interesting feature of the wedding was that it occurred on the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Parke Torbert has returned from a visit to New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Daisy Howell has returned from a visit to Frederickburg.

Mrs. J. T. Wilkins has returned from a visit to Mrs. L. M. Donohoe, Manassas, Va.

Miss May McDonald was the week-end guest of Miss Evelyn Milnes, Manassas, Va.

Miss Claudia Donohoe is the guest of Mrs. J. T. Wilkins.

Miss Masters, of Bermuda, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Starr Wattles, Prince Street.

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L. A. P. W.

The first social meeting of the League of American Penwomen for the season of 1913-14 was held Wednesday evening, October 15, in the oak room of the Raleigh Hotel. The president, Mrs. Annie A. Wilder, assisted by Mrs. Della Hines Mertz, chairman of the social committee, welcomed the guests to the meeting.

The evening was devoted to "home-coming" vacation stories and experiences. After the president had outlined the work of the league, she introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Della Hines Mertz, who gave a very graphic and interesting account of her recent trip to Europe.

The next number on the program was a selection from Schopenhauer by Mrs. Howard L. Wilkins, which was given with a clear, artistic understanding of the work.

Mrs. Rachel Tougare Beck followed with a sketch of her life as an army officer's wife during the Indian wars. She spoke of the cruelties practiced then and the great change for the better in army discipline and sanitation in recent years. She concluded by saying: "I am for peace! The army is necessary, I suppose, but I hope that every saber and every gun will always shine like the sun and never have to be used again."

Miss Jessie A. Griswold then took the audience with her on a most enjoyable trip to Panama and showed them some of the many interesting phases of that gigantic engineering feat, the Panama Canal.

The program concluded with a delightful talk from Mrs. T. A. Whitworth, of Buenos Ayres. She said that Argentina, so wonderful in so many respects, was suffering from penance and the consequences of land in a few hands. Many interesting and amusing stories of her experiences in that land were told, and she concluded her remarks by paying a glowing tribute to the marvelous and unparalleled beauty of its flowers.

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The Young Willing Helpers' Club met last Sunday in the American Home Life Insurance Building, corner Fifth and G Streets. The meeting was presided over by President Michael Clepach.

Mr. Maurice Bernstein, chairman of the "outside entertainment" committee, reported on arrangements for the dance to be held November 23. The following volunteered to assist the committee in making final arrangements for the dance: Misses Edna Feinblatt, Ella Rosenblatt, Emma Pungor, Trille Blank, Ella Bar, May Marks, Sophie Kolker, and Misses Greenberg, and Messrs. William Smith, James Witt, and Maurice Stearnman.

Miss Florence Pitts and Mr. William Ostinsky were admitted as members of the club. The club gave to the Jewish Foster Home a large basket of fruit for the harvest feast. When the meeting adjourned the members went to the Eighth Street Temple to attend the protest meeting.

Wendell Wolfe Chap. D. A. R. Wendell Wolfe Chapter, N. E. D. A. R., held its first meeting for the season on Monday evening at 325 Georgia Avenue, with Mrs. G. C. Burton and Mrs. T. C. Hummiller, hostesses, and Miss Bertha Frances Wolfe, regent, presiding. The guest of honor was Miss Eliza O. Dunsmuir, editor of the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, who gave an interesting talk on the magazine. Miss Mary Porter Smith delighted the company with musical numbers, giving the "Valse Arabesque" by Luck, and Chopin's Waltz in G minor. In answer to her call the Daughters responded with vacation experiences. Miss Carrie Shiley, who spent the summer abroad, told of patriotic incidents of her trip. Miss Laura Church, who went to Europe as secretary of the International Alcoholic Congress, will land in New York next week. Two letters from the young mountain girl that the chapter is educating were read, and showed conclusively that the money was well spent; also a letter from the principal of the school, stating that she was leading her classes in the academic department, and that she had won the first prize in the domestic science department for making the best bread. The chapter elected a number of new members and has planned an interesting program for the coming year. During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostesses.

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